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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. GROUP OF 77 HAS INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION
THIS SUBJECT:

QUOTE: THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES
HAVING CONSIDERED ITEM 10 OF THE AGENDA REGARDING TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN CONNEXION WITH THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERNCES,
NOTING THAT PROJECT INT/71/027 ON "TRAINING AND ADVISORY
SERVICES ON THE GSP" IS SCHEDULED TO COME TO AN END IN APRIL 1977,
CONSIDERING THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF THE
PROJECT IS "TO ASSIST THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE
USE OF THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED BY THE GSP,
CONSIDERING FURTHER THE CEE AND JAPAN HAVE MADE KNOWN
THEIR INTENTION OF EXTENDING THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHEMES BE-
YOND THE 10 YEARS ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON AND THAT THE
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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED

ITS SCHEME AS OF 1 JANUARY 1976,
BEARING IN MIND THAT THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXTENDED
UP TO NOW BY PROJECT INT/71/027 HAS EFFECTIVELY CON-
TRIBUTED TO IMPROVE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE
BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES REGARDING THE CONTENT AND APPLICATION
OF THE SEVERAL PREFERENCE SCHEMES,
REITERATING THAT, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES FOR
WHICH THE GSP WAS ESTABLISHED, A CLOSE CO-ORDINATION MUST
EXIST BETWEEN THE EFFORTS OF UNCTAD IN THE DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION ON THE BENEFITS GRANTED BY THE SCHEMES
AND THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE ITC IN THE PRO-
MOTION OF EXPORTS AND THE WORK OF UNIDO IN THE INDUSTRIAL-
IZATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
BEARING IN MIND THE STATEMENTS DURING THE PRESENT SESSION
OF THE COMMITTEE ACKNOWLEDGING THE POSITIVE ACTION
THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE PROJECT ON "TRAINING
AND ADVISORY SERVICES OF THE GSP" TO INCREASE THE INFOR-
MATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN REGARD
TO THE GSP:

(1) TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED
OUT BY PROJECT INT/71/027 AND THE REPORT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF THE PROJECT DURING THE SEVENTH SESSION OF
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE;

(2) REQUESTS THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS OF UNCTAD AND THE
UNDP TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT UP TO
30 APRIL, 1982;

(3) RECOMMENDS THAT IN ITS FUTURE WORK, THE PROJECT CO-
ORDINATES ITS ACTIVITIES WITH ITC IN THE FIELD OF EXPORT
PROMOTION AND WITH UNIDO AND OTHER APPROPRIATE INTER-
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL-
IZATION PROGRAMMES RELATING TO ITEMS COVERED BY THE GSP
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(4) FURTHER REQUESTS THAT THE PREFERENCE GIVING COUNTRIES
TO CO-OPERATE IN THE FUTURE WITH PROJECT INT/71/027 TO
TRAIN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER THE GSP, BEARING
IN MIND THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED
AND ISLAND COUNTRIES AND THE MSA. UNQUOTE

2. GENERAL CONSENSUS OF GROUP B, INCLUDING US DEL., SUPPORTS
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CONTINUATION OF PROJECT BUT REALIZES THAT CONTINUED
UNDP FINANCING MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF UNDP
FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IT
MAY FINANCE. THUS FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION
SUGGESTED FOR OPERATIVE PARA 2.

3. QUOTE: REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNCTAD
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNDP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY

OF EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT BEYOND APRIL 1977
AND TO REPORT TO THE 16TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD. UNQUOTE

4. GROUP B ALSO NOTED THAT THE PROJECT WAS ALREADY IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF OPERATIVE PARAS 3 AND 4 AND INTENDS TO PROPOSE AMENDED LANGUAGE TO REFLECT THIS FACT.

5. GROUP B CHAIRMAN IN SUBSEQUENT CONTACT GROUP MEETING REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION THIS RESOLUTION BE DEFERRED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS NEEDED FOR GROUP B MEETING MORNING JANUARY 15. ABRAMS

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